Privatisation Policy of Government

446. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE . Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is Government's policy towards privatisation of Government Undertakings, companies etc., and

(b) what industries have been privatised so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal with Government for privatisation of any Public Sector Undertakings. In pursuance of the announcement made in the Industrial Policy Statement of 24-7-1991 and also the Budget Speeches of 1991-92 and 1992-93, Government have made only disinvestment of part of its equity holdings in selected PSUs without loss of control.

Recommendations of Japan Industrial Co-operation Agency

447. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the recommendations of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the restructuring of H.M.T.;

(b) when Japan International Cooperation Agency submitted its report to Government; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on the recommendations of Japan International Cooperation Agency to strengthen the H.M.T. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The recommendations of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for restructuring of HMT include organisational restructuring, modernisation of production facilities, productivity improvement activities and export promotion.

(b) The report was received by the Government on 29th May, 1992.

(c) The recommendations of JICA are under active consideration of the Government. However, some measures for improvement of productivity have already been initiated on the basis of their recommendations.

Project costs of PSUs

448. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the project costs of Public Sector Under-takings have gone up from the original estimates at Rs. 61,000 crores to Rs. 1,05,000 crores as per the revised estimates of 1993; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to bridge this gap in the project costs of Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) As on 31-12-1992, the original cost of all 303 projects on the monitor of the Department of Programme Implementation has gone up from Rs. 59682.2 crores to Rs. 106994.9 crores. The costs of many projects have already been revised and some of them are being revised. The total latest approved cost of all the 303 projects is Rs. 72430.7 crores which leaves a gap of about 47.7 percent with respect to their anticipated costs (Rs. 106994.9 crores).

(b) The Government envisages to finance the gap through increased budget support, internal resources and extra-budgetary resources.

Disinvestment Policy in PSUs

449. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the disinvestment policy of Government in public sector undertakings is not yielding good results;

(b) whether the Confederation of Indian Industry proposed some suggestions regarding privatisation of public sector units; and

(c) what are the reactions of Government on those suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :

(a) As announced in the Budget Speech of 1991-92, Government intended to raise Rs. 2500 crores as resources through disinvestment of a part of its equity holdings in selected PSUs. During 1992-93, Government intended to continue the disinvestment exercise for raising non-inflationary resources for development to the extent of Rs. 3500 crores out of which Rs. 1000 crores was meant for contribution to National Renewal Fund. Government realised Rs. 3038 crores and Rs. 1912 crores through disinvestment of PSU shares in 1991-92 and 1992-93, respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Delicensing of Industry

450. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times dated 16th April, 1993 captioned "Industry hails delicensing" of the manufacturing of motor cars, white goods, raw hides etc. as a step in right direction;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) has demanded for scrapping of licensing altogether except in case of production of sensitive defence items and also urged that the market forces should determine the export on domestic requirements and that investment decision should be of industry without taking licence from Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry also demanded that Indian Industry should be given a level playing field to compete with foreign manufacturers both in India and abroad; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India to parts (b) and (c) of the question mentioned above and the steps proposed to be taken for complete revival of Indian industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Liberalisation in industrial licensing is a continuing process. The suggestions and demands of the Associations/Federations are kept in view as and when further liberalisation in industrial licensing is undertaken.